GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1126
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INCREASE IN SUGAR PRICES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the month of September 2001, sugar prices in India shot up by Rs. 400 to Rs. 500 a tonne;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether there was an unprecedented stock of over 110 lakh tonnes in the country by the end of September, 2001; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to reduce the sugar prices in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION V.SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a)&(b): The wholesale prices of S-30 grade of sugar in the four principal markets ofthe country namely Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai during the month of September, 2001 ranged between Rs. 1413/- to Rs. 1650/- per quintal while during the corresponding month of the previous year, they were in the range of Rs. 1470/- to Rs. 1700/- per quintal. Thus the prices during the month of September, 2001 were lower than the prices prevailing during the same month of the previous year.

(c): As on 30.9.2001, the stock of sugar with the sugar mills was 103.61 lakh tonnes on provisional basis.

(d): Question does not arise.